appropriate measures aimed at increasing the responsiveness of the law and order machinery. The comprehensive advisory has enumerated various steps for improving and ensuring safety of women like gender sensitization of police personnel, training in special laws dealing with atrocities against women, ensuring no delay whatsoever in registration of FIR in all cases of crime against women all police stations to display the name and other details of Protection Officers of the area appointed under the Domestic Violence Act, 2005, etc.

P.O.W. board hanged on the policeman by Maoists

†2973. SHRI BALALVANT *ALIAS* BAL APTE:
SHRI SHREEGOPAL VYAS:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether at the time of conditional release of police officer Atindranath in West Bengal Maoists had hanged a board written P.O.W. in his neck;

(b) whether the Centre believes that the steps taken by State Government is a surrender of its power; and

(c) if so, the steps being taken in this regard under the Constitution?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI AJAY MAKEN): (a) to (c) It is true that the CPI (Maoist) cadres while releasing (October, 22) the abducted Police Officer, Atindra Nath Dutta, O/C, Sankrail Police Station (district West Midnapore) in presence of media persons at Dohmoni Jungle area (PS Lalgarh) pasted a cloth Banner on his chest inscribing 'Prisoner of War'. The banner was, however, removed at the time of his final release. State Governments deal with the various issues related to naxalite activities in the States. The Central Government supplements their efforts in several ways both on security and development fronts.

Mohapatra Committee on languages

2974. SHRI RAJEEV CHANDRASEKHAR: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Sitakant Mohapatra Committee has recommended the inclusion of more languages in the Eighth Schedule of the Constitution of India; and

(b) if so, the details of the recommendations and action taken/proposed to be taken thereon?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI AJAY MAKEN): (a) A Committee was set up in September, 2003 under the Chairmanship of Shri Sitakant Mohapatra to evolve a set of objective criteria for inclusion of more languages in the Eighth Schedule to the Constitution of India. The Committee submitted its report in 2004.

(b) The report of the Committee is under consideration in consultation with the

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

departments concerned of the Central Government. No time frame can be fixed for consideration of the demands for inclusion of more languages in the Eighth schedule.

Devastating floods in Bihar and Assam

2975. SHRI KALRAJ MISHRA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Bihar and Assam are hit by devastating floods this year;

(b) if so, the details of extent of loss of life and property occurred thereby; and

(c) the Central aid sought and given for the relief and rehabilitation?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI MULLAPPALLY RAMACHANDRAN): (a) to (c) As per information received from the State Governments of Assam and Bihar, the extent of damage due to heavy rains/floods etc. during the year of 2009, is as under:—

(Provisional)

States	No. of human lives lost	No. of cattle heads lost	No. of houses damaged	Cropped area affected (lakh hectares)
Assam	08	12	240	0.298
Bihar	63	02	6050	—

The State Governments are primarily responsible for undertaking relief measures at ground level in the wake of natural calamities. The Government of India supplements the efforts of the State Governments by providing requisite logistic and financial support.

To ensure ready availability of funds with the States to undertake rescue and relief operations of immediate nature, in the wake of natural calamities including flood situation, a Calamity Relief Fund (CRF) account has been constituted for each State which is contributed by the Central and State Governments in the ratio of 3:1. Additional assistance is also provided from the National Calamity Contingency Fund (NCCF) in the event of a calamity of a severe nature.

Details of allocation and release of Central share of CRF during 2009-10, are as under:—

(Rs. in crore)

States	Allocation under CRF	Central share	Center's share of CRF released
Assam	217.07	162.80	81.40
Bihar	167.45	125.59	125.59

The Governments of Assam and Bihar have not sought any financial assistance from NCCF in the wake of floods of 2009.